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EXAM PROGRAM IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Doctoral Program

Speciality 5.5.4 – International Relations

1. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF DISCIPLINE

The exam aims to establish the level of completion of the Candidate degree in International Relations.

2. ORGANIZATION OF THE EXAM AND ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Oral form

The candidate must submit a complete list of literature on the topic of his/her dissertation research one week before the exam.

The exam consists of the following parts:

1. Book analysis (see the list in the first part of the Topic section)
2. A question about political development or international relations in the region under study (depending on the topic of the dissertation)
3. Literature interview on the topic of dissertation research

Exam marking

The following marking scheme is used:

«very good» (8 – 10 points)

«good» (7-6 points)

«satisfactory» (5-4 points)

«fail» (3-0 points)

Criteria for assessment

excellent performance	
performance clearly better than average	
average performance	
failure to satisfy the basic requirements for a pass the International Relations	

The exam is failed if the doctoral student:

- fails to appear at examination without good reason, or
- leaves the auditorium after start of the exam, without good reason, or
- does not attempt to address the tasks set in the exam.

3. TOPICS

Part 1. Theories of international relations (books for analysis)

- Bull H. *The Anarchical Society: A Study of Order in World Politics*. 2012.
- Buzan B., Little R. *International Systems in World History Remaking the Study of International Relations*. 2000.
- Buzan B., Waever O. *Regions and Powers: The Structure of International Security*. 2004.
- Niou, E.M.S. et al. *The balance of power: stability in international systems*. 1989.
- Non-Western International Relations Theory: Perspectives on and beyond Asia*. 2010.
- Waltz K. *Man, the State, and War: A Theoretical Analysis*. 2018.
- Wendt A. *Social Theory of International Politics*. 1999.
- Keohane R.O. *International Institutions and State Power: Essays in International Relations Theory*. 1989.

Part 2. Problems of political and economic development of the main regions of the world

1. Europe and the European Union

The main trends in the political development of Europe. The European Union: political and legal institutions. EU foreign policy.

Reading List:

- Aglietta M. *The Reform of Europe: A Political Guide to the Future*. 2019.
- An Identity for Europe: The Relevance of Multiculturalism in EU Construction*. 2009.
- Bauer S. *Citizens' Support for the European Union: Empirical Analyses of Political Attitudes and Electoral Behavior During the EU Crisis*. 2020.
- Berend I.T. *The Contemporary Crisis of the European Union: Prospects for the Future*. 2017.
- Berend I.T. *The Economics and Politics of European Integration: Populism, Nationalism and the History of the EU*. 2020.
- Camus J.Y, Lebourg N. *Far-Right Politics in Europe*. 2017.
- Caramani D. *The Nationalization of Politics: The Formation of National Electorates and Party Systems in Western Europe*. 2004.
- Carrapico H., Niehuss A., Berthélémy Ch. *Brexit and Internal Security: Political and Legal Concerns on the Future UK-EU Relationship*. 2019.
- Conradt D.P., Peters B.G., Safran W., White S., Zariski R. *Politics in Europe: An Introduction to the Politics of the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Russia, and the European Union*. 2003.
- Constitutional Politics and the Territorial Question in Canada and the United Kingdom: Federalism and Devolution Compared*. 2018.
- Corbett R., Jacobs F., Shackleton M. *The European Parliament*. 2011.
- Dominguez R. *EU Foreign Policy towards Latin America*. 2015.
- EU Foreign Policy in a Globalized World: Normative Power and Social Preferences*. 2008.
- Hastings D. *Nationalism in Modern Europe: Politics, Identity and Belonging since the French Revolution*. 2018.
- Illiberal Trends and Anti-EU Politics in East Central Europe*. 2021.
- Innerarity D. *Democracy in Europe: A Political Philosophy of the EU*. 2018.
- Joppke Ch. *The Secular State Under Siege: Religion and Politics In Europe And America*. 2015.
- King Ch. *Extreme Politics: Nationalism, Violence, and the End of Eastern Europe*. 2010.

- Larsen H. Gaps in EU Foreign Policy: The Role of Concepts in European Studies. 2017.
- Le Gales P., King D. Reconfiguring European States in Crisis. 2017.
- Making EU Foreign Policy: National Preferences, European Norms and Common Policies. 2011.
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- Morillas P. Strategy-Making in the EU: From Foreign and Security Policy to External Action. 2019.
- Odmalm P. The Party Politics of the EU and Immigration. 2014.
- Quaranta M. Citizens and Democracy in Europe: Contexts, Changes and Political Support Sergio Martini, 2020.
- Raunio T., Sedelius Th. Semi-Presidential Policy-Making in Europe: Executive Coordination and Political Leadership. 2020.
- Religion and Politics in Europe, the Middle East and North Africa. 2009.
- Riddervold M. The Maritime Turn in EU Foreign and Security Policies: Aims, Actors and Mechanisms of Integration. 2018.
- Russia, the West, and the Ukraine Crisis. 2018.
- Spandler K. Regional Organizations in International Society: ASEAN, the EU and the Politics of Normative Arguing. 2019.
- Staab A. The European Union Explained: Institutions, Actors, Global Impact. 2011.
- Teti A., Abbott P., Talbot V., Maggiolini P. Democratisation against Democracy. How EU Foreign Policy Fails the Middle East. 2020.
- Thaler Ph. Shaping EU Foreign Policy Towards Russia: Improving Coherence in External Relations. 2020.
- The EU Global Strategy: Implications for Russia. 2017.
- The EU in UN Politics: Actors, Processes and Performances. 2017.
- The European Union – A Global Actor? 2013.
- The Foreign Policy of the European Union: Assessing Europe's Role in the World. 2010.
- The People and the Nation. Populism and Ethno-Territorial Politics in Europe. 2020.
- The Revised European Neighbourhood Policy: Continuity and Change in EU Foreign Policy. 2017.
- Tibi B. Political Islam, World Politics and Europe: From Jihadist to Institutional Islamism. 2014.
- Tulmets E. East Central European Foreign Policy Identity in Perspective: Back to Europe and the EU's Neighbourhood. 2014.
- Ukraine and Beyond: Russia's Strategic Security Challenge to Europe. 2016.
- Viceré M.G.A. The High Representative and EU Foreign Policy Integration. 2018.
- Vogt R. Personal Diplomacy in the EU: Political Leadership and Critical Junctures of European Integration. 2016.
- Weaver, Carol The politics of the Black Sea region: EU neighbourhood, conflict zone or future security community? 2013.
- Yesilada B., Wood D. The Emerging European Union. 2009.
- Youngs R. The EU's role in world politics: a retreat from liberal internationalism. 2010.

2. Middle East and North Africa

The main trends in the political development of the Middle East and North Africa.
International relations in the Middle East and North Africa.

Reading List:

- A Critical Political Economy of the Middle East and North Africa. 2020.
- Ahram, A.I. War and Conflict in the Middle East and North Africa. 2020.
- Allsopp H. The Kurds of Syria: Political Parties and Identity in the Middle East. 2015.
- Beaumont, Peter; Blake, Gerald H; Wagstaff J.M. The Middle East: A Geographical Study. 1988.
- Beinin J., Haddad B., Seikaly Sh. A Critical Political Economy of the Middle East and North Africa. 2021.
- Bishku M.B. Is the South Caucasus Region a Part of the Middle East? // Journal of Third World Studies. Vol. 32. 2015.
- Cagaptay S. Erdogan's Empire: Turkey and The Politics Of The Middle East. 2019.
- Cagaptay S. The new sultan: Erdogan and the crisis of modern Turkey. 2020.
- Cesari J. The awakening of Muslim democracy: Religion, modernity, and the state. 2014.
- Cruz-del Rosario T., Dorsey J.M. Comparative Political Transitions between Southeast Asia and the Middle East and North Africa: Lost in Transition Palgrave Macmillan US. 2016.
- Dworkin A., Lawrence W., Wolff S. After the Uprisings: Political Transition in Tunisia, Libya and Yemen. 2013.
- Halliday F. The Middle East in International Relations: Power, Politics and Ideology. 2005.
- Halpern M. Politics of Social Change: In the Middle East and North Africa. 2015.
- Hashemi N., Postel D. Sectarianization: mapping the new politics of the Middle East. 2017.
- International relations of the Middle East. 2013.
- Ismael J.S., Ismael T.Y., Perry G. Government and politics of the contemporary Middle East: Continuity and change. 2015.
- Khalil A. Crowds and Politics in North Africa: Tunisia, Algeria and Libya Routledge. 2014.
- Lewis B. Faith and Power: Religion and Politics in the Middle East. 2010.
- MacQueen B. An Introduction to Middle East Politics. 2018.
- Owen R. State, Power and Politics in the Making of the Modern Middle East. 2004.
- Political and Socio-Economic Change in the Middle East and North Africa: Gender Perspectives and Survival Strategies. 2016.
- Religion and Politics in Europe, the Middle East and North Africa. 2009.
- Ritter D. The Iron Cage of Liberalism: International Politics and Unarmed Revolutions in the Middle East and North Africa. 2015.
- Salh Z.S. Gender and Violence in Islamic Societies: Patriarchy, Islamism and Politics in the Middle East and North Africa. 2013.
- Schneier E. Muslim Democracy: Politics, Religion and Society in Indonesia, Turkey and the Islamic World. 2016.
- Sorenson D.S. An Introduction to the Modern Middle East: History, Religion, Political Economy, Politics. 2013.
- Stein E. International Relations in the Middle East. 2021.
- Stenner D. Globalizing Morocco: Transnational Activism and the Postcolonial State. 2019.
- Szmolka I. Political Change in the Middle East and North Africa: After the Arab Spring. 2017.
- The Arab Uprisings Explained: New Contentious Politics in the Middle East. 2014.
- Thurston A. Jihadists of North Africa and the Sahel: Local Politics and Rebel Groups. 2020.
- Wien P. Arab Nationalism: The Politics of History and Culture in the Modern Middle East. 2017.

3. Black Africa

The main trends in the political development of Black Africa. International relations in Black Africa.

Reading List:

- Abegunrin O. Africa in Global Politics in the Twenty-First Century: A Pan-African Perspective. 2009.
- Africa in World Politics: Reforming Political Order. 2008.
- Bayart J.-F. The State in Africa: The Politics of the Belly. 1993.
- Branch A., Mampilly Ch.Z. Africa uprising: popular protest and political change. 2015.
- Cassani A., Tomini L. Autocratization in post-cold war political regimes. 2018.
- Clapham Ch. Africa and the International System: The Politics of State Survival. 1996.
- Democracy, Constitutionalism, and Politics in Africa: Historical Contexts, Developments, and Dilemmas. 2017.
- Elischer S. Political Parties in Africa: Ethnicity and Party Formation. 2013.
- Etefa T. The Origins of Ethnic Conflict in Africa: Politics and Violence in Darfur, Oromia, and the Tana Delta. 2019.
- Gordon A. A., Gordon D.L. Understanding Contemporary Africa. 1996.
- Governance, Human Rights, And Political Transformation In Africa. 2020.
- Рак Африкана: континент и диаспора в поисках себя / под ред. А.Б.Давидсона. 2009.
- Pentecostalism and Politics in Africa. 2018.
- Seekings J., Natrass N. Policy, Politics and Poverty in South Africa. 2015.
- Terrorism in Africa: New Trends and Frontiers. 2021.
- The Political Economy of Development and Underdevelopment in Africa. 2015.
- Tordoff W. Government and Politics in Africa. 2002.

4. Central and South Asia

The main trends in the political development of Central and South Asia. International relations in Central and South Asia.

Reading List:

- Adeeb Kh. Islam after Communism: religion and politics in Central Asia. 2014.
- Anthropology, Politics, and the State: Democracy and Violence in South Asia. 2007.
- Ayesha J., Bose S. Modern South Asia: History, Culture, and Political Economy. 1998
- Ayoob M., Ismayilov M. Identity and Politics in Central Asia and the Caucasus. 2015.
- Being Muslim in Central Asia. Practices, Politics, and Identities. 2018.
- Blanchard J.-M. China's Maritime Silk Road Initiative and South Asia: A Political Economic Analysis of its Purposes, Perils, and Promise. 2018.
- Blank S.J. Central Asia After 2014. 2013.
- Bose S., Jalal A. Modern South Asia: History, Culture, Political Economy. 2018.
- Chakrabarty B., Bhuwan J. Hindu nationalism in India: ideology and politics. 2020.
- Chander N.J. Coalition Politics: The Indian Experience. 2004.
- Charlton S.E.M. Comparing Asian Politics: India, China, and Japan. 2014.
- China and India in Central Asia: A New "Great Game"? 2010.
- Collins K. Clan Politics and Regime Transition in Central Asia. 2006.
- Farah P.D. Energy Security, Water Resources and Economic Development in Central Asia. 2015.
- Islam, Sufism and Everyday Politics of Belonging in South Asia. 2016.

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- Kershaw R. Monarchy in South East Asia: The Faces of Tradition in Transition. 2001.
- Ludden D. Contesting the Nation: Religion, Community, and the Politics of Democracy in India. 1996.
- Luong P.J. Institutional Change and Political Continuity in Post-Soviet Central Asia: Power, Perceptions, and Pacts. 2002.
- Luong P.J. The Transformation of Central Asia: States and Societies from Soviet Rule to Independence. 2004.
- Lieven A. Pakistan: A Hard Country. 2012.
- Michaels A. Hinduism. Past and present. 2004.
- Modern Afghanistan: The Impact of 40 Years of War. 2018.
- Mufti M. Pakistan's Political Parties: Surviving between Dictatorship and Democracy. 2020.
- Olcott M. Central Asia's New States: Independence, Foreign policy, and Regional security. 1996.
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- Ollapally D.M. The Politics of Extremism in South Asia. 2008.
- Oxford Companion to Politics in India. 2010.
- Pipeline Politics in Asia: The Intersection of Demand, Energy Markets, and Supply Routes. 2010.
- Political violence in South Asia. 2019.
- Politics and Legitimacy in Post-Soviet Eurasia. 2016.
- Politics in South Asia: Culture, Rationality and Conceptual Flow. 2015.
- Rall T. Silk Road to Ruin: Is Central Asia the New Middle East? 2006.
- Religion and Politics in South Asia. 2021.
- Routledge Handbook of South Asian Politics: India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, and Nepal. 2010.
- Saez L. The South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC): An emerging collaboration architecture. 2012.
- Shambaugh D., Yahuda M. International Relations of Asia. 2014.
- South Asia in Transition: Democracy, Political Economy and Security. 2014.
- The Politics of Religion in South and Southeast Asia. 2011.
- The Politics of Transition in Central Asia and the Caucasus: Enduring Legacies and Emerging Challenges. 2009.
- The Shi'a in Modern South Asia: Religion, History and Politics. 2015.
- Tushnet M., Khosla M. Unstable Constitutionalism: Law and Politics in South Asia. 2015.

5. East and Southeast Asia

The main trends in the political development of East and Southeast Asia. International relations in East and Southeast Asia. ASEAN as an integration association and as a foreign policy player.

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- A Rising China and Security in East Asia: Identity Construction and Security Discourse. 2008.
- Acharya A. Constructing a Security Community in Southeast Asia: ASEAN and the problem of regional order. 2009.
- Acharya A. The Making of Southeast Asia. International Relations of a Region. 2013.
- After the Post–Cold War: The Future of Chinese History. 2018.
- ASEAN Matters! Reflecting on the Association of Southeast Asian Nations. 2011.

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International Relations and Asia's Northern Tier: Sino-Russia Relations, North Korea, and Mongolia. 2017.

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Legitimacy: Ambiguities of Political Success or Failure In East And Southeast Asia. 2005.

Maritime Security in East and Southeast Asia: Political Challenges in Asian Waters. 2017.

Meng F. *Phenomenon of Chinese Culture at the Turn of the 21st century*. 2011.

Osborne M. *River at risk: the Mekong and water politics of China and Southeast Asia*. 2004.

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Ramstedt M. *Hinduism in Modern Indonesia: A Minority Religion Between Local, National, and Global Interests*. 2004.

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Sisodia N.S., Naidu G.V.C. *Changing Security Dynamic in Eastern Asia: Focus on Japan*. 2005.

Southeast Asia: diversity and development. 1999.

Spandler K. *Regional Organizations in International Society: ASEAN, the EU and the Politics of Normative Arguing*. 2019.

Strategic Adjustment and the Rise of China: Power and Politics in East Asia. 2017.

Sutter R. *Chinese Foreign Relations: Power and Policy since the Cold War*. 2010.

Swearer D.K. *The Buddhist World of Southeast Asia*. 2010.

The Politics of Religion in South and Southeast Asia. 2011.

Tian He. *The Political Economy of Developmental States in East Asia: South Korea, Singapore and Taiwan*. 2021.

US – China – EU relations: managing the new world order. 2010.

Weatherbee D.E. *International Relations in Southeast Asia. The Struggle for Autonomy*. 2014.

- Wijk R. de. Power Politics: How China and Russia Reshape the World. 2016.
- Yoshimatsu H. Japan's Asian Diplomacy: Power Transition, Domestic Politics, and Diffusion of Ideas. 2019.
- Zhao Y. Communication in China: Political Economy, Power, and Conflict. 2008.
- Zou L. The political economy of China's Belt and Road Initiative. 2018.

6. Latin America

The main trends in the political development of Latin America. International relations in Latin America.

Reading List:

- Berryman Ph. Latin America at 200. 2016.
- Brinks D.M., Levitsky S., Murillo M.V. The Politics of Institutional Weakness in Latin America. 2020.
- Calderón F., Castells M. The New Latin America. 2020.
- Collier R.B., Collier D. Shaping The Political Arena: Critical Junctures, the Labor Movement, and Regime Dynamics in Latin America. 2002.
- Crisis and Contradiction: Marxist Perspectives on Latin America in the Global Political Economy. 2015.
- Edwards S. Left Behind: Latin America and the False Promise of Populism. 2010.
- Grillo I. Gangster Warlords: Drug Dollars, Killing Fields, and the New Politics of Latin America. 2016.
- Hellinger D.C. Comparative Politics of Latin America: Democracy at Last? 2014.
- Kingstone P. The Political Economy of Latin America: Reflections on Neoliberalism and Development after the Commodity Boom. 2018.
- Lowy M. The War of Gods: Religion and Politics in Latin America. 1996.
- Mazzuca S. Latecomer State Formation: Political Geography and Capacity Failure in Latin America. 2021.
- Smith P.H. Democracy in Latin America: Political Change in Comparative Perspective. 2005.
- Carmody M.F. Human Rights, Transitional Justice, and the Reconstruction of Political Order in Latin America. 2018.
- The Struggle for Memory in Latin America: Recent History and Political Violence. 2015.
- Vanden H.E., Prevost G. Politics of Latin America: The Power Game. 2001.

7. Northern America

International relations in the Northern America subregion. The main trends in the political development of the United States. The main trends in the political development of Canada.

Reading List:

- Abrams E. Realism and Democracy: American Foreign Policy after the Arab Spring. 2017.
- Anderson P. American foreign policy and its thinkers. 2014.
- Bardes B.A., Shelley M.C., Schmidt S.W. American Government and Politics Today: The Essentials. 2019.
- Benkler Y., Faris R., Roberts H. Network propaganda: manipulation, disinformation, and radicalization in American politics. 2018.
- Bianco W.T., Canon D.T. American Politics Today. 2019.
- Canada in cities: the politics and policy of federal-local governance. 2014.
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- Comparing Canada: Methods and Perspectives on Canadian Politics. 2014.

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Lebow R.N. A Democratic Foreign Policy: Regaining American Influence Abroad. 2020.

Lynch T.J. In The Shadow of the Cold War: American Foreign Policy from George Bush Sr. To Donald Trump. 2020.

Maisel L.S. American Political Parties and Elections: A Very Short Introduction. 2007.

Malcolmson P., Myers R. The Canadian Regime: An Introduction to Parliamentary Government in Canada. 2009.

Milner H.V., Tingley D. Sailing the Water's Edge: The Domestic Politics of American Foreign Policy. 2015.

Morton F.L. Law, politics, and the judicial process in Canada. 2002.

Mueller J. The Stupidity of War: American Foreign Policy and the Case for Complacency. 2020.

Political Turmoil in a Tumultuous World: Canada Among Nations 2020. 2021.

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Sachs J.D. A New Foreign Policy: Beyond American Exceptionalism. 2018.

Singh R. Barack Obama's post-American foreign policy: the limits of engagement Obama. 2012.

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The Oxford Handbook of American Elections and Political Behavior. 2012.

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The Oxford Handbook of the American Congress. 2011.

The Oxford Handbook of the American Presidency. 2009.

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US Foreign Policy in the Middle East: From American Missionaries to the Islamic State. 2018.

8. New Eastern Europe and Transcaucasia (South Caucasus)

The main trends in the political development of the New Eastern Europe and the Transcaucasian region. International relations in the New Eastern Europe and South Caucasus. Russia's foreign policy in the post-Soviet space. Eurasian integration.

Reading List:

Albulescu A.M. Incomplete Secession after Unresolved Conflicts: Political Order and Escalation in the Post-Soviet Space. 2021.

Alcaro R. West-Russia Relations in Light of the Ukraine Crisis. 2015.

Altstadt A. Frustrated Democracy in Post-Soviet Azerbaijan. 2018.

Aslund A., McFaul M. Revolution in Orange: The Origins of Ukraine's Democratic Breakthrough. 2006.

- Asmus R. *A Little War that Shook the World: Georgia, Russia, and the Future of the West*. 2010.
- Ayoob M., Ismayilov M. *Identity and Politics in Central Asia and the Caucasus*. 2015.
- Balmaceda M. *Belarus: Oil, Gas, Transit Pipelines and Russian Foreign Energy Policy*. 2006.
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- Bennett B.M. *The Last Dictatorship in Europe: Belarus under Lukashenko*. 2011.
- Broers L. *Armenia and Azerbaijan: Anatomy of a rivalry*. 2019.
- Cornell S. *Small Nations and Great Powers: A Study of Ethnopolitical Conflict in the Caucasus*. 2000.
- Cornell S.E. *Azerbaijan since independence*. 2015.
- Coyle J. *Russia's Interventions in Ethnic Conflicts: The Case of Armenia and Azerbaijan*. 2021.
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- D'Anieri P. *Ukraine and Russia: From Civilized Divorce to Uncivil War*. 2019.
- D'Anieri P., Kravchuk R.S., Kuzio T. *Politics and Society In Ukraine*. 2018.
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- de Waal Th. *The Caucasus: An Introduction*. 2019.
- Dragneva-Lewers R., Wolczuk K. *Ukraine Between the EU and Russia: The Integration Challenge*. 2015.
- Europe's Last Frontier? Belarus, Moldova, and Ukraine between Russia and the European Union*. 2008.
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- Fritz V. *State-building: A Comparative Study of Ukraine, Lithuania, Belarus, and Russia*. 2007.
- George J. *The Politics of Ethnic Separatism in Russia and Georgia*. 2009.
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- Ideology After Union: Political Doctrines, Discourses, and Debates in Post-Soviet Societies*. 2020.
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- Kupatadze A. *Organized Crime, Political Transitions and State Formation in Post-Soviet Eurasia*. 2012.
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- Libaridian G. *Modern Armenia: People, Nation, State*. 2007.
- Masih J.R., Krikorian R.O. *Armenia: At the Crossroads*. 2005.
- Meleshevich A.A. *Party Systems in Post-Soviet Countries: A Comparative Study of Political Institutionalization in the Baltic States, Russia, and Ukraine*. 2007.
- Menon R. *Conflict in Ukraine: the unwinding of the post-Cold War order*. 2015.
- Mirzoyan A. *Armenia, the Regional Powers, and the West: Between History and Geopolitics*. 2010.
- Nation-building in the Post-Soviet Borderlands: The Politics of National Identities* Graham Smith, Vivien Law, Andrew Wilson, Annette Bohr, Edward Allworth 1998.
- NATO's Return to Europe: Engaging Ukraine, Russia, and Beyond*. 2017.

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- Politics and Legitimacy in Post-Soviet Eurasia* 2016.
- Post-Soviet Political Order: Conflict and State Building*. 1998.
- Reassessing Security in the South Caucasus: Regional Conflicts and Transformations*. 2011.
- Russia, the West, and the Ukraine Crisis*. 2018.
- Ryan B.C. *The Caucasus Region: Economic and Political Developments*. 2011.
- Ryder A. *Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States*. 1998.
- Sakwa R. *Frontline Ukraine: Crisis in the Borderlands*. 2015.
- Tabachnik M. *Citizenship, Territoriality, and Post-Soviet Nationhood: The Politics of Birthright Citizenship in Azerbaijan, Georgia, and Moldova*. 2019.
- The Great Power (mis)Management: The Russian–Georgian War and its Implications for Global Political Order*. 2011.
- The Politics of Memory in Poland and Ukraine: From Reconciliation to De-Conciliation*. 2021.
- The Politics of Transition in Central Asia and the Caucasus: Enduring Legacies and Emerging Challenges*. 2009.
- War and Revolution in the Caucasus: Georgia Ablaze*. 2010.
- Weaver, Carol *The politics of the Black Sea region: EU neighbourhood, conflict zone or future security community?* 2013.
- White S., Feklyunina V. *Identities and Foreign Policies in Russia, Ukraine and Belarus: The Other Europes*. 2014.
- Wilson A. *Belarus: The Last European Dictatorship*. 2021.
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- Zadorozhnii O. *International Law in the Relations of Ukraine and the Russian Federation*. 2016.

EXAMPLE OF EXAMINATION PAPER

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